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Press Conference

Pictorial History of Natrona County Announcement

When: Monday, June 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Fort Caspar Museum

Casper, Wyoming – Fort Caspar Museum and Hilltop National Bank are pleased to announce a new partnership to publish a book titled “*A Pictorial History of Natrona County*” and to introduce the book’s author, Dr. Rebecca Hunt. The book will feature approximately 250 photographs to help illustrate the history of Natrona County. It is scheduled to be released in the fall of 2011. Images for the book will come from the collections of Fort Caspar Museum and of the Casper College Western History Center. We would also like to include photographs currently in private hands and ask Natrona County residents to search their family photos for images that could help illustrate the history of the county. The images may be brought to either Fort Caspar Museum or the Casper College Western History Center.

Dr. Rebecca Hunt has been asked to provide the written history of the county and to coordinate selection of the photographs that will be included in the book. Dr. Hunt has a Ph.D. from the University of Colorado, Boulder, M.L.S. from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, and B.A. from the University of Wyoming. She is currently a Senior Instructor at the University of Colorado, Denver. Dr. Hunt has long ties to Natrona County and has been a lecturer at Fort

Caspar Museum and Casper College. She was the consulting historian for the documentary *A Woman to Match a Mountain* and is currently working on two books related to the Casper area; *Wyoming Medical Center: A Centennial History* and *Neal Forsling: Casper Mountain Legend; Urban Pioneers*.

Proceeds from the book will be directed to the Fort Caspar Museum Association. The mission of the Association is to support activities at Fort Caspar Museum through financial contributions and volunteer time. Recent fundraising projects of the Fort Caspar Museum Association include the new museum exhibits and funding of new collection storage furniture which will allow the museum to continue to collect and exhibit materials related to the history of central Wyoming.



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